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High school teachers of chemistry, physics and mathematics may want to obtain further information about Stanford University's Shell Merit Fellowships for Summer, 1960. There are fellowships reserved specifically for Montana teachers who have taught at least five years and who hold at least a bachelor's degree. Provided by the fellowships . . . full tuition, board and room; textbook and travel allowances; a cash stipend of \$500. Applications should be filed as soon as possible. Details from . . . Dr. Paul DeH. Hurd, Coordinator, Shell Merit Fellowship Program, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Coming . . . Montana Reading Council meeting, November 13-14, at Helena.

Postponed until January . . . Language Arts Curriculum Committee meeting, which was to have been held at Billings on November 5-6.

Teacher of the Year candidate from Montana is Miss Sue E. Schmidt, Wolf Point first grade teacher. The award is given by McCall's Magazine in a project conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Office of Education and the National Council of Chief State School Officers. In 1956, Montana's nominee, Richard Nelson, Kalispell high school science teacher, was selected National Teacher of the Year. Selection of this year's national award winner will be made soon by a national review committee.

Planning a new school building? The Department of Public Instruction's Visual Aids Library has two new films which may be of interest: Plan For Learning and Vision Strip Classroom. Write Visual Aids Library.

A new Catalog of Surplus Property available to schools from the federal government has been prepared by the Department of Public Instruction's Surplus Property Division. W. J. Ernst, Director, is mailing the new catalog to administrators this month.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Harriet Miller in November will continue her series of school visits throughout Montana. In September and October, Miss Miller visited more than 100 schools in 23 Montana counties. November dates scheduled: Thursday, 5th -- Boulder and Anaconda . . . Friday, 6th -- Philipsburg and Deer Lodge . . . Monday, 16th -- Fort Benton, and Havre . . . Tuesday, 17th -- Chester . . . Wednesday, 18th -- Chinook and Harlem . . . Thursday, 19th -- Malta and Lewistown . . . Friday, 20th -- Lewistown and Winnett . . . Monday, 30th -- Forsyth and Hysham.

The Study Guide in English, Grades 9-12 has been sent to all high schools for English teachers and administrators.

A trend to foreign language study in Montana high schools is becoming more evident. State Foreign Language Supervisor Lester McKim's recent survey showed a 19% increase in the number of high school language students over last year, or 1,300 more students in language courses.

A new STUDY GUIDE IN ELEMENTARY ART is being developed by a Montana Art Education Association committee. Chairman of the project is Dr. Alfred W. Humphreys, State Music Supervisor, Department of Public Instruction.

Fine arts teaching materials available from the Department of Public Instruction include these recent publications: "How Good Is Your Elementary Music Program?"--Revised Edition, May, 1959 . . . "List of Music Films Available from State Film Library,"--July 1, 1959 . . . "Selective List of High School Choral Music,"--September 18, 1959. Materials made available previously, of which a few copies remain, include: "Art--Free and Inexpensive Materials" . . . "Career Opportunities in Music and Related Fields" . . . "Elementary Art Activities for Montana" . . . "Career Opportunities in Art and Related Fields" . . . "The Pronunciation of Ecclesiastical Latin for Choral Teachers" . . . "Music Books for Boys and Girls."

Prospective textbook purchasers are reminded that Montana school laws require that all textbook suppliers be licensed. Refer to the Montana Educational Directory for a list of licensed textbook companies, before ordering.

The Montana School Boards Association will hold its annual convention at Bozeman, November 13-14. Keynote speaker: State Superintendent Harriet Miller.

Attorney General's Opinions re: Schools and School Districts, recently issued:

Volume 28, Opinion No. 27. Boards of Trustees, Powers of; Warrant; Duplicate for Lost Warrant; Recovery for Lost Warrant. Held:

A duplicate warrant to replace a lost or destroyed warrant may be issued by the trustees of a school district if the payee or assignee of the warrant deposits with the county treasurer a bond to indemnify the school district from any loss.

Volume 28, Opinion No. 28. Bonds; Disposition of Excess Bond Funds. Held:

Excess funds of a bond issue, after the full accomplishment of the purpose for which the bonds were sold, should be placed in the school district sinking fund and used to redeem bonds or purchase bonds of the issue.

Volume 28, Opinion No. 29. School District Lands; Sale of; Expenditure of Monies Realized from Sale of Lands; Trustees, Powers of; Building Fund, Power to Establish; Budgets; Building Fund Monies may be Expended only by Budget. Held:

1. Funds realized from the sale of school property, under the provision of Section 75-1634, R.C.M., 1947, may be placed in a building fund by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the school district.

2. Monies in a building fund may be expended only after the adoption of a subsequent budget, whether it be an emergency budget or the budget for the ensuing fiscal year.